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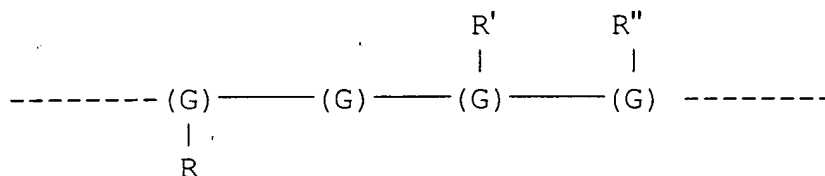
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide having the general formula I:



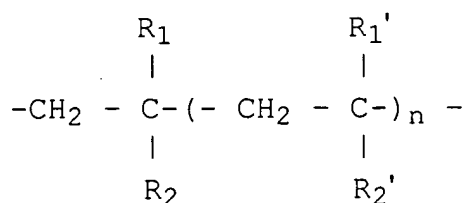
wherein R is a hydrophobic vinyl polymer, R' and R'', which may or may not be the same, ~~represent a group which possesses a carboxylic acid or a sulphonic acid head group or salts thereof and G is a monosaccharide or substituted monosaccharide~~ are selected from $-R_3\text{-COOH}$ and $-R_3\text{-COO}^-\text{M}^+$, wherein R_3 is a C_1 to C_4 alkylene group and M is an alkali or alkaline earth metal, and wherein the amount of the hydrophobic vinyl polymer is 0.1-10% by weight of the polysaccharide.

Claims 4 – 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim ~~5~~ 3, wherein $R' = R'' = -\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH}$ or its metal salt.

- Claim 7 (Cancelled)
- Claim 8 (Currently Amended) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharides according to claim ~~7~~ 3, wherein the amount of the hydrophobic vinyl polymer is 1-5% by weight of the polysaccharide.
- Claim 9 (Currently Amended) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 3, wherein the amount of ~~anionic substituent~~ R' and R" is 0.1-10% by weight of the polysaccharide.
- Claim 10 (Currently Amended) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 9, wherein the amount of ~~anionic substituent~~ R' and R" is 0.1-5% by weight of the polysaccharide.
- Claim 11 (Original) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 3, wherein the hydrophobic vinyl polymer has a molecular weight from 500 to 5,000,000.
- Claim 12 (Original) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 11, wherein the hydrophobic vinyl polymer has a molecular weight from 2000 to 500,000.
- Claim 13 (Original) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 12, wherein the hydrophobic vinyl polymer has a molecular weight from 5000 to 100,000.

Claim 14 (Original) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 3, wherein R is an acrylic polymer, having the general formula II



wherein R_1 and R_1' may or may not be the same and represent $-\text{H}$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$.

and wherein R_2 and R_2' may or may not be the same and represent $-\text{COOCH}_3$, $-\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{COOC}_3\text{H}_7$.

Claim 15 (Original) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 14, wherein $\text{R}_1 = \text{R}_1' = \text{H}$ and $\text{R}_2 = \text{R}_2' = -\text{COOCH}_3$.

Claim 16 (Original) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 3, wherein the polysaccharide is selected from starch, modified starches, cellulose, guar gum, and tamarind gum.

Claim 17 (Original) Anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 16, wherein the polysaccharide is starch.

Claims 18 (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of an anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 3, comprising graft copolymerisation and anionic modification of a polysaccharide, comprising anionic modification of the polysaccharide or the graft copolymerised polysaccharide using halocarboxylic acid or its salt or mixtures thereof.

- Claim 19 (Original) A process according to claim 18, comprising graft copolymerisation of the polysaccharide or the anionically modified polysaccharide using a redox initiator.
- Claim 20 (Original) A process according to claim 19, comprising graft copolymerisation of the polysaccharide or the anionically modified polysaccharide using ferrous ammonium sulphate and hydrogen peroxide as the redox initiator.
- Claim 21 (Cancelled)
- Claim 22 (Currently Amended) A process according to claim ~~24~~ 18, wherein the halocarboxylic acid is chloroacetic acid.
- Claim 23 (Cancelled)
- Claim 24 (Original) A fabric treatment composition comprising a fabric treatment agent and from 0.01 to 10 wt% of an anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 3.
- Claim 25 (Original) A detergent composition comprising from 5 to 60 wt% of a deterative surfactant and from 0.01 to 10 wt% of an anionic, hydrophobic polysaccharide according to claim 3.
- Claim 26 (Currently Amended) A detergent composition according to claim 25, which is a built laundry detergent composition ~~further~~ comprising from 5 to 40 wt% of deterative surfactant and from 5 to 80 wt% of detergency builder.
- Claim 27 (Cancelled)